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MEMORANDUM FOR: DD/P

SUBJECT: Possible Fate of Albanian Agent Team.

1. In early July we notified your office that our five-man team known as Apple/3 had not been in W/T contact with our radio station for approximately 20 days and that we feared they had been captured. At the time of their failure to answer our radio calls (17 June) the team was attempting to exfiltrate to Greece.

2. We have just received word that another team of ours which exfiltrated from Albania on 26 July had learned while in Albania about a gun battle which took place on or about 20 June between police, security forces, special pursuit detachments and armed civilians on the one side against a "reactionary" four-man team. Three of the men were killed in the gun battle and the fourth took his own life with poison. This gun battle took place in an area which could have been reached by our Apple/3 team.

3. In addition to the story above, a Greek border officer said unofficially that he had heard that a group of four men had been killed in southern Albania (date unspecified) and named one of the men who was a member of Apple/3 as having been in the group killed.

4. If additional information regarding the fate of Apple/3 becomes available, a further report will be submitted.

Chief, SE

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